Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 42038 STERICYCLE, INC. RN102942885 Docket No. 2011-1157-MSW-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

MSW

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Stericycle, 2607 Highway 21 West, Dale, Bastrop County

Type of Operation:

Medical waste treatment facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: November 25, 2011

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$42,612

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$8,522 **Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay:** \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$34,090

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A **SEP Conditional Offset:** \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Average Site/RN - Average

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: May 12, 2011

Date(s) of NOE(s): June 30, 2011

Violation Information

- 1. Failed to dispose of pathological waste according to approved methods of treatment and disposition. Specifically, the Respondent allowed pathological waste, including fetuses, to be treated by steam disinfection treatment followed by deposition in a municipal solid waste ("MSW") landfill [Tex. Admin. Code § 330.1219(b)(3)].
- 2. Failed to comply with all permit conditions. Specifically, the Respondent treated pathological waste on-site at the Facility without authorization [30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1) and MSW Permit No. 2260A, Section II.B.2.].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

The Executive Director recognizes that by May 5, 2011, the Respondent had implemented procedures to prevent the unauthorized treatment and disposal of pathological waste.

Technical Requirements:

N/A

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A SOAH Referral Date: N/A Hearing Date(s): N/A Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Brianna Carlson, Enforcement Division,

Enforcement Team 7, MC R-15, (956) 430-6021; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division,

MC 219, (512) 239-0412

TCEO SEP Coordinator: N/A

Respondent: Donald Kaminski, Regional Operations Director, STERICYCLE, INC.,

540 Rivergate Road, Memphis, Tennesee 38109

Respondent's Attorney: J.D. Head, Fritz, Byrne, Head & Harrison, LLP, 98 San

Jacinto Boulevard, Suite 2000, Austin, Texas 78701

Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW) Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) PCW Revision October 30, 2008 Assigned Screening 7-Jul-2011 **EPA Due** PCW 22-Sep-2011 RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION Respondent STERICYCLE, INC. Reg. Ent. Ref. No. RN102942885 Major/Minor Source Minor Facility/Site Region 11-Austin CASE INFORMATION Enf./Case ID No. 42038 No. of Violations 2 Docket No. 2011-1157-MSW-E Order Type 1660 Media Program(s) Medical Waste Government/Non-Profit No. Enf. Coordinator Brianna Carlson Multi-Media EC's Team Enforcement Team 7 Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum Maximum \$10,000 Penalty Calculation Section TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) \$54,000 Subtotal 1 ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1 Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage. \$1,080 **Compliance History** 2.0% Enhancement Subtotals 2, 3, & 7 Enhancement for one NOV with dissimilar violations Notes \$0 0.0% Enhancement Subtotal 4 Culpability No The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria. Notes Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments Subtotal 5 \$13,500 0.0% Enhancement* \$0 Subtotal 6 **Economic Benefit** Total EB Amounts *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount \$1,404 Approx. Cost of Compliance \$41,580 Final Subtotal SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 \$1,032 2.5% Adjustment OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage. Enhancement for avoided costs of compliance associated with violation Notes no. 2. \$42,612 Final Penalty Amount \$42,612 STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT Final Assessed Penalty

Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicted percentage. (Enter number only; e.g.

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PAYABLE PENALTY

-\$8,522

\$34,090

Reduction

20.0%

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Screening Date 7-Jul-2011

Docket No. 2011-1157-MSW-E

Respondent STERICYCLE, INC.

Case ID No. 42038

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN102942885 Media [Statute] Medical Waste

Enf. Coordinator Brianna Carlson

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Component	<u>, </u>	Enter Number Here	
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	1	2%
	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	0	0%
Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)	0	0%
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Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	0	0%
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n ann air an 1860 - An	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
Out.c.	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%
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Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
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Rule Cite(s)		§ 305.125(1) and MSW Permit No. 2260A, Section	II.B.2.	•
Violation Description		all permit conditions. Specifically, the Respondent waste on-site at the Facility without authorization.	treated	
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Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
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Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
pection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]	\$851	7-Jan-2008	5-May-2011	4.24	\$181	\$851	\$1,032
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Notes for AVOIDED costs						nent x 224 shipmen rized disposal and th	
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Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$851			TOTAL		\$1,032

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:

CN600362693

STERICYCLE, INC.

Classification: AVERAGE

Rating: 2.70

TXRNEW970

Regulated Entity:

RN102942885

Stericycle

Classification: AVERAGE

Site Rating: 0.50

ID Number(s):

STORMWATER

PERMIT

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS

REGISTRATION

39180

AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS

ACCOUNT NUMBER

BC0079I

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PROCESSING

PERMIT

Location:

2607 HIGHWAY 21 W, DALE, TX, 78616

2260A

TCEQ Region:

REGION 11 - AUSTIN

Date Compliance History Prepared:

July 01, 2011

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Compliance Period:

July 01, 2006 to July 01, 2011

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History

Name:

Brianna Carlson

Phone:

956/430-6021

Site Compliance History Components

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period?

NO

2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period?

No

3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator?

N/A

4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)?

N/A

When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur?

N/A

6. Rating Date: 9/1/2010 Repeat Violator:

Components (Multimedia) for the Site:

Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees of the State of Texas and the federal government. A.

N/A

B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events.

N/A

The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) D.

1 03/11/2008

(615851)

2 06/28/2011

(915746)

Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.) E

Date: 03/10/2008

(615851)

CN600362693

Self Report?

Classification:

Minor

Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 330, SubChapter Y 330.1211(c)(1)(D)

Description:

Failure to properly label medical waste transport units.

F. Environmental audits.

N/A

Type of environmental management systems (EMSs). G.

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.

N/A

J. Early compliance.

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2011-1157-MSW-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

At its ______ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding STERICYCLE, INC. ("the Respondent") under the authority of Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 361 and Tex. Water Code ch. 7. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent, represented by J. D. Head of the law firm of Fritz, Byrne, Head & Harrison, LLP, appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

- 1. The Respondent owns and operates a medical waste treatment facility at 2607 Highway 21 West in Dale, Bastrop County, Texas (the "Facility").
- 2. The Facility involves or involved the management of municipal solid waste as defined in Tex. Health & Safety Code ch. 361.
- 3. The Commission and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about July 5, 2011.
- 5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Forty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$42,612) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in

Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Thirty-Four Thousand Ninety Dollars (\$34,090) of the administrative penalty and Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$8,522) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

- 7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
- 8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and the Respondent have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
- 9. The Executive Director recognizes that by May 5, 2011, the Respondent had implemented procedures to prevent the unauthorized treatment and disposal of pathological waste.
- 10. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- 11. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- 12. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have:

- 1. Failed to dispose of pathological waste according to approved methods of treatment and disposition, in violation of 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.1219(b)(3), as documented during an investigation conducted on May 12, 2011. Specifically, the Respondent allowed pathological waste, including fetuses, to be treated by steam disinfection treatment followed by deposition in a municipal solid waste landfill.
- 2. Failed to comply with all permit conditions, in violation of 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1) and MSW Permit No. 2260A, Section II.B.2., as documented during an investigation conducted on May 12, 2011. Specifically, the Respondent treated pathological waste on-site at the Facility without authorization.

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: STERICYCLE, INC., Docket No. 2011-1157-MSW-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
- 3. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which 4. together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.

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5. Under 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

	For the Commission		
(For the Executive Director	[2/13/11 Date	
	I, the undersigned, have read and understand the at agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein accepting payment for the penalty amount, is material	entity indicated below my signal. I further acknowledge that	nature, and I the TCEQ, in
	 I also understand that failure to comply with the and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may A negative impact on compliance history; Greater scrutiny of any permit applications sultered and this case to the Attorney General additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or the increased penalties in any future enforcement Automatic referral to the Attorney General's and TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law In addition, any falsification of any compliance document 	result in: bmitted; al's Office for contempt, inju o a collection agency; actions; Office of any future enforcen	nctive relief, nent actions;
	Signature Signature	OCT. 18, 2011 Date	
	Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of STERICYCLE, INC.	REGIONAL OPERATIONS Title	DIRECTOR

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.